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1. ACCORDING RADIO ETHIOPIA THE EMAC HAS ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN TITLES AND DESIGNATIONS:

A. THE SOVEREIGN'S OLD TITLE KING OF KINGS WILL BE ABOLISHED. HE WILL BE KNOWN AS ETHIOPIA'S KING. HE WILL RULE BY THE WILL OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AND NO LONGER BY DIVINE RIGHT.

B. THE TITLE ELECT OF GOD IS ABOLISHED.

C. THE DESIGNATION CONQUERING LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH WILL BE REPLACED BY LION OF ETHIOPIA.

D. IMPERIAL ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BECOME ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

E. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS RENAMED ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY.

F. TERM REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION REPLACES TEKLAY GIZAT (PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT).

G. AWRAJA GIZAT ADMINISTRATION REPLACES AWRAJA GIZAT.

H. WOREDA GIZAT ADMINISTRATION REPLACES WOREDA GIZAT.

I. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR REPLACES TERM GOVERNOR/ENDERASSIE.

J. AWRAJA ADMINISTRATOR REPLACES AWRAJA GOVERNOR.

K. WOREDA ADMINISTRATOR REPLACES WOREDA GOVERNOR.

2. YEZAREITU ETHIOPIA OF SEPTEMBER 22 CARRIED A STINGING ATTACK
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ON THE IMPERIAL FAMILY. ARTICLE GAVE DETAILS ON FAMILY MEMBERS'

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LAND HOLDINGS, PARTICULARLY IN AWASH VALLEY, AND HIGHLIGHTED
OFTEN UNSAVORY MANNER IN WHICH LAND ACQUIRED. ARTICLE SAID HAVE
HAD TELLING IMPACT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY STRUCK, HOWEVER, BY
FACT THAT ARTICLE FAILS TO SPARE CROWN PRINCE -- AS HAD GENERALLY
BEEN PRACTICE SINCE AFCC/EMAC CAMPAIGN AGAINST EX-EMPEROR AND HIS
FAMILY PUT IN HIGH GEAR. IT NOT EXCLUDED THAT SHIFT RELATED TO
KING-DESIGNATE'S REPLY TO EPMG SUMMONS WHICH LIKELY REFLECTED IN
RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, SAID HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY BBC SEPTEMBER 23 AND
24 OR 25, THAT HE PREPARED RETURN TO ETHIOPIA TO ASSUME CROWN IF
INVITED TO DO SO IN CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK ACCEPTABLE TO
ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. BE THAT AS IT MAY, YEZAREITU ATTACK ON ASFA
WOSSEN ALREADY BEING WIDELY READ BY ETHIOPIANS AS INDICATOR THAT
AFCC/EMAC HAD CONCLUDED EITHER THAT CROWN PRINCE WOULD NOT RETURN
TO ACCEPT CROWN OR HAD DECIDED TO GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM.
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